SENATE RESOLUTION 09

RESOLUTION
To Support Making Student Perception of Teaching Survey (SPOTS) Evaluations Public to Students

Primary Sponsor: Senator Heft
First Reading: 10/06/2014
Referred to: University Affairs
Second Reading:

Resolved,

SECTION 1. PUBLIC TEACHER AND COURSE EVALUATIONS

WHEREAS, a student’s success in their course depends heavily not only on their compatibility with the professor, but also their interest in the course material; and,

WHEREAS, students often do not see any results from filling out SPOTS surveys; and,

WHEREAS, the SPOTs system currently provides a database of responses accessible only by unit heads and ECU faculty; and,

WHEREAS, teacher and course evaluations are made public at many other universities, such as the University of Arizona, the University of Florida, the University of Washington, and the University of Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, such a system has near-unanimous support of the undergraduate students at East Carolina University; and,

WHEREAS, students are more likely to fill out evaluations if they are made public for student use; and,

WHEREAS, public teacher and course evaluations would hold professors to a higher standard; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the East Carolina University Undergraduate Senate fully supports a public, online database of categorized, summarized teacher and course evaluations for each individual professor and course at East Carolina University; and be it further
RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Student Body President Michael King, Dr. Steve Ballard, Chancellor, Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Virginia Hardy, Dean of Students Dr. Lynn Roeder, Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Ronald Mitchelson, The East Carolinian, and The Daily Reflector.

SECTION 3. DATE EFFECTIVE.

This Resolution shall be effective upon its signage by Student Body President Michael King.

Respectfully introduced by Senator Aaron Heft October 6th, 2014